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SUBJECT: THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION - RECENT SPANISH
REACTION

REF: (A) MADRID 1981, (B) MADRID 1282

1. LOCAL PRESS LARGELY CONTINUES TO REFLECT SPANISH
CONFIDENCE IN U.S. RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY, ALTHOUGH
PREDICTIONS ARE SLIPPING TOWARD HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE THE KING'S VISIT IN EARLY JUNE.

2. TESTIMONY OF CRITICAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL WITNESSES
BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARCH 12 AND 24

WAS TAKEN IN STRIDE HERE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN FLURRIES
OF CONCERN, MIRRORED IN THE PRESS, ABOUT THE EAGLETON-
CLARK RESOLUTION AND THE SUGGESTION OF A RELATIONSHIP
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BETWEEN RADIO LIBERTY'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN SPAIN AND

RATIFICATION. THE OBVIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POLITICAL EVENTS IN SPAIN AND SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT ALSO DRAWS CONTINUED COMMENT.

3. THE CORTES (LEGISLATURE) HAS NOT YET BEGUN CONSIDERATION OF THE TREATY (SUBMITTED TO IT MARCH 12), AND MAY NOT BEFORE MAY, BOTH BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS AND THE GOS DESIRE TO HAVE PRIOR ASSURANCE OF U.S. RATIFICATION.

4. IN RECENT DAYS, A NEW NOTE OF CONCERN HAS APPEARED IN THE SPANISH PRESS, RELATED TO (A) CONGRESSMAN MORGAN'S LETTER ON THE HOUSE'S APPROPRIATION PREROGATIVES AND (B) SUGGESTIONS THAT SOME IN CONGRESS MIGHT SEE IN THE TREATY A FISCAL PRECEDENT FOR THE BASES AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY. ONE SPANISH CORRESPONDENT (ALBERTO VALVERDE OF "YA") REPORTS THAT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS STOPPED WORK ON THE TREATY PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE FISCAL QUESTION WITH THE HOUSE AND THE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT RESOLUTION ADDITIONAL TO THE SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT RESOLUTION.

5. ACTION REQUEST: INASMUCH AS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ALSO ASKED US FOR CALRIFICATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE RATIFICATION PROCESS OF THE MORGAN LETTER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER AND ANY GUIDANCE THAT CAN BE OFFERED AT THIS TIME.
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